



# A PROCLAMATION

## Against Papists.



**C**HARLES, by the grace of GOD, KING of great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, To Our Loveliest, Our Messengers, Our Sheriffs in that part, Conjunctly and Severally, Specially Constituted, Greeting: Forasmuch, as, in Order to the Preservation and Security of the true Reformed Religion, professed and established within this Kingdom; there have been many good Laws and Acts of Parliament, made by Us, and Our Royall Ancestors, with advice of the Estates of Parliament, against *Papists*, the saying and hearing of *Mass*, the stay of *Jesuits*, *Priests* and trafficking *Papists* in this Kingdom, and their refetters: And particularly, by the fifth Act of the first Parliament of King James the Sixth; And by the fifth Act of His twentieth Parliament, it is statute, That none bear publick Office, nor be admitted Procurator, Notar, or Member of Court, unlesse he profess the true Reformed Religion, established within the Realm: And by the fourth fifth Act of his third Parliament, The *Arch-Bishops* and *Bishops* are appointed by themselves, and the *Ministers*, to take up the names of all suspect to be *Papists*, or do not Communicate in the Sacraments, and to admonish them to recant their Errors, and give confession of their Faith, and to participate in the Sacraments, and to submit themselves to the Discipline of the Church, and to excommunicat them, in case of disobedience, and to present the names of the Persons disobedient, obstinat, or relapse, to the King; That the same might be affixed upon the Tolbooth of *Edinburgh*, and other publick places of Judgment, and these Persons are declared infamous, and unable to stand in Judgment, bear Office, or be Assysers, or Witnesses against any professing the true Religion: Likeas, by the first Act of the nineteenth Parliament of King James the Sixth, all wilfull refetters of excommunicat *Papists*, being at the horn for that cause, after publication made by the *Ministers*, the time of the Preaching or Prayers at the Paroch-Kirk, where the refetters dwells for the time, are declared lyable in the penalties following, *viz.* Every Earl, one thousand pounds, every Lord, one thousand merks, every Baron, five hundred pounds, every Free-holder, three hundred merks, and every Yeoman, fourty pounds Scots; and every Burges, according to the King and Councils modification. And by the first Act of His twentieth Parliament, all Noblemen, and others, who shall direct any Pedagogues with their Sons out of the Countrey, are holden to have a testimoniall from the *Bishop* of the Diocess where the Pedagogue lately had his residence, testifying the Pedagogue to be godly, of good Religion, learned and instructed in the same: And in case any Noblemen or others, send their Sons out of the Countrey with a Pedagogue, wanting such a testimoniall, they are declared to incur the penalties following, *viz.* Each Earl contraveining, five thousand pounds; every Lord, five thousand merks; and every Baron, three thousand merks, to be applyed to His Majesties use: And by the second Act of the same Parliament, it is ordained, That, where Parents send their Sons out of the Countrey, and that they turn *Papists*, that their Parents find caution in the Books of privy Councill, under such penalties, as they shall modify, not to entertain or furnish them with any thing, after it be known that they are become *Papists*, except their reasonable expenses in bringing them home. And by the third Act of the same Parliament, it is declared, That no persons excommunicat for not conforming themselves to the Religion presently professed, shall be suffered either in their own persons, or by any others to their behove, to enjoy the possession of their Lands, Rents and Revenues: But that the same be intromitted with, and up-lifted for His Majesties use. And further, by the eighth Act of the first Session of Our first Parliament, all *Jesuits*, *Priests* and trafficking *Papists* are charged, That none of them presume thereafter to say *Mass* within this Kingdom; And that, within a moneth after the publication thereof, they should remove out of the Kingdom under the pain of death: And all Our Subjects, of what quality or degree soever, are discharged to hear *Mass*, refet, supply, or correspond with any *Priests*, *Jesuits*, or trafficking *Papists*, under the pains contained in the former Laws made thereanent: And all Sheriffs of Shires, and their Deputs, Magistrats of Burghs, and other publick Ministers of the Law, ordained in their severall Jurisdiccions, to search for, and apprehend, all such *Jesuits*, *Priests* and trafficking *Papists*, as they should find after the last day of *March* thereafter, and commit them to the next sure prison, there to remain while they should receive punishment according to Law. And further, We charged them, with all diligence to return to Our Privy Council, the lists of such persons in their bounds, as were known or suspected to be *Papists*; That courts might be taken with them, conform to the Laws of this Our Kingdom. Likeas by the thirty fourth Act of the first Session of Our first Parliament, it is statute and ordained, That whatsoever person or persons shall hereafter marry, or procure themselves to be married by *Jesuits*, *Priests*, or any others not authorized by this Kirk, shall be imprisoned for three moneths, and besides shall pay, each Nobleman, one thousand pounds; each Baron or Landed Gentleman, one thousand merks, each Gentleman & Burges, five hundred pounds; each other person, one hundred merks: And shall remain in prison untill they make payment of the respective penalties: And the Celebrators of these Marriages to be banished the Kingdom. Likeas, in pursuance of the saids Laws, and Acts of Parliament, We, with advice of Our privy Council, did emit a Proclamation, dated the thirteenth of *January*, 1670. whereby We ordained the foresaids Laws to be put to due and vigorous execution; and did give severall Orders thereanent, to the Sheriffs, Magistrats of Burghs, and other Ministers of the Law: Nevertheless, understanding that the number of *Papists* is increased, and that they are become more insolent then formerly, by keeping and frequenting meetings avowedly in severall places, for saying and hearing of *Mass*, in high contempt of Our Authority, and to the great danger of the true Reformed Religion. And seeing the Sheriffs, Magistrats of Burghs, and other Ministers of the Law, have not returned full lists of *Papists* in their respective bounds, nor given an account to Our Council of their diligence in prosecution of the saids Laws: And We being firmly resolved to remit nothing of Our former zeal against Popery, have thought fit, of new again, with advice of Our Privy Council, to publish and make known Our Royal purpose and intention, to use all care and diligence, that the saids Laws may receive due obedience, and the transgressors be condignly punished. And, in pursuance thereof, We do hereby command and charge all *Jesuits*, *Priests*, and trafficking *Papists*, That they, nor none of them hereafter presume to say *Mass* within this Our Kingdom; and that they depart forth thereof, betwixt and the first day of *March* next to come, under all highest pains: And do hereby inhibit, and discharge all Our Leiges, of whatsoever quality or Degree, to hear *Mass*, refet, supply, intertain, furnish meat or drink, or keep correspondence with *Priests*, *Jesuits*, or trafficking *Papists* in time coming; With certification to them, if they contravein, they shal be lyable to, and incur the penalties, which by the said first Act of the nineteenth Parliament of King James the sixth, are provided against wilfull refetters of excommunicat *Papists*, according to their severall qualities and degrees. And We do hereby declare, That such Persons who shal be married, or procure their Children to be baptized by *Priests*, *Jesuits*, or any others, not publicly authorized or allowed, shal, according to their severall qualities and degrees, incur the pains and penalties, which by the said thirty fourth Act of the First Session of Our first Parliament, are appointed, in the case of marrying by *Priests* or *Jesuits*. Which penalties in both these cases, We ordain to be levied, and exacted with all rigor. And further, We do authorize, impower, and require the Sheriffs of Shires, Bailies of Regalties or Royalties, Stewarts of Stewartries, and their Deputs, Magistrats within Burghs Royal, and all Ministers of the Law in their respective bounds, to be careful, that the said Acts of Parliament be put to punctual execution: And particularly, upon information of meetings kept within their bounds, by *Papists*, for saying and hearing of *Mass*: That they make open and patent the doors of these Houses, and apprehend any *Jesuits* and *Priests* they shal find thereintill, and commit them to prison; there to remain, till Our Privy Council be acquainted thereof, and give order concerning them: And that they likewise seize upon, and secure the rest of the persons present at these meetings, unlesse they find caution to compear, and answer before the Council for their transgression. And further, We inhibit and discharge any person or persons who are of the Popish profession, after the said first day of *March* next, to accept of, or exercise any publick Employment or Office, either Civil or Military, within this Kingdom: And particularly, that none of them, in time coming, presume to be Judges, Procurators, or members of Court, or to be Sheriffs of Shires, Sheriff-Deputs, Bailies of Baileries, or Bailie-Deputs: Stewarts of Stewartries, or Stewart-Deputs, Justices of Peace, Commissioners of Excise; Or for the Militia, Officers, or Souldiers of the Militia, or Standing Forces, Bailies of Baronies, Magistrats or Councillors within Burgh. 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And further, ordains the severall Sheriffs, Stewarts, Bailies of Regalties and Royalties, and their Deputs, and Magistrats of Burghs within the Kingdom, betwixt and the said first day of *March* next, to give an account of their diligence in their prosecution of, and obedience to the late Proclamation, dated the said thirteenth day of *January*, one thousand six hundred and seventy, and to return against the said day to Our Council a particular and exact list of the whole *Papists* within their respective bounds. As also, yearly upon the last Council day of *June*, to return to Our Council, in all time coming, lists of the *Papists* in their saids bounds; that their names may be affixed on the Tolbooth of *Edinburgh*, and other publick places of Judgement, conform to the said forty fifth Act of the third Parliament of King *James the sixth*, and eighth Act of the First Session of Our first Parliament, whereintill they are not to fail, as they will be answerable upon their highest perill. And ordains these presents to be printed and published at the Mercat Cross of *Edinburgh*, and the severall Mercat Crosses of the head Burghs of the respective Shires; That none pretend ignorance, according to justice, as ye will answer to us hereupon. The which to do, We commit to you conjunctly and severally Our full power by these Our Letters, delivering them by you duely execute, and endorsed again to the Bearer. Given under Our Signet at *Edinburgh*, the Sixteenth day of *December*, One thousand six hundred seventy three Years, and of Our Reign, the Twenty Fifth Year.

*Tbo. Hay, Cl. Sti. Concilii.*

**GOD save the KING.**